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12 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
 13 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

14 SAN JOSE DIVISION

15 LAURA ANN GENES,

16 CASE NO. 13-50106 ASW

17 DEBTOR,

18 Date of Hearing: February 1, 2013.

19 Time of Hearing: 2:30p.m.

20 Courtroom of Judge Weissbrodt

21 NOTICE OF AND DEBTOR'S MOTION
 22 FOR EXTENSION OF STAY UNDER 11
 23 U.S.C. §362 AND ND CA LBR 4001

24 **I. NOTICE**

25 To all parties, their counsel, and the Chapter 11 Trustee:

26 Please take notice that Debtor moves the Bankruptcy Court at San Jose, California, for an
 27 extension of the automatic stay under 11 U.S.C. §362 and ND CA LBR 4001 as against the
 28 secured creditor Wells Fargo.

29 **II. BRIEF BACKGROUND**

30 Wells Fargo has inherited from World Savings/Wachovia a mortgage secured by
 31 Debtor's residence in Palo Alto, CA.

32 Wells Fargo set a Trustee's Sale for January 9, 2013, which was stayed by the filing of
 33 this bankruptcy case. Undoubtedly, Wells Fargo will reschedule a Trustee's Sale should the
 34 automatic stay be allowed to expire.

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2 **III. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

3 Debtor moves the Bankruptcy Court at San Jose, California, for an extension of the
4 automatic stay under U.S.C. §362 and ND CA LBR 4001 so that the dollar amount of the loan
5 under the mortgage can be ascertained. Once known, if there is any arrearage under the
6 mortgage, it will immediately be paid in full so as to “reinstate” the loans/mortgage. Two
7 different third party financing sources have been arranged if needed. That is in essence the Plan.

8 The backup Plan is an orderly sale of the CA residence through a broker. The amount of
9 equity is in excess of \$1M.

10 Debtor is not abusing the bankruptcy system by solely fling a case to avoid paying a debt.
11 Just the opposite. Debtor believes no arrearage under the loan exists. But the principal amount of
12 the loan is in dispute. Debtor never had the opportunity in her prior bankruptcy case to see the
13 objection to the Wells Fargo claim to its conclusion.

14 Debtor has been poorly advised by her prior counsels. Debtor’s Plan filed in her prior
15 bankruptcy case, under the advice and review of counsel, was a waste of effort. Debtor hired
16 William Lewis with a sizeable retainer to essentially do two things: contact the two secured
17 creditors to informally ascertain what dollar amounts are due under the mortgages and file a Plan.
18 Both creditors said no way would they cooperate to settle on an amount or have any further
19 discussions. Apparently Mr. Lewis was unaware of the combined Disclosure Statement and Plan
20 available at the Court’s website. He advised Debtor to file a Plan which does not look like the
21 combined form.

22 When the Court filed an order to show cause, Debtor again revisited the limited pool of
23 bankruptcy attorney that would consider representing a small chapter 11 case. Debtor
24 immediately hired Mr. MacDonald with a sizeable retainer. Mr. Mac Donald was to file his
25 appearance (he did not), file a response to the Order to show Cause (he filed no paperwork in
26 response), file a Plan (he did not), and personally attend the hearing for the order (he did no
27 telephonically). The one thing Mr. MacDonald did do is file a status statement which contains
28 incorrect information previously supplied to him in not one, but two multi-hour meetings. Debtor

1 was completely caught off guard by Mr. MacDonald's lack of response when he repeatedly
2 confirmed that things were ready. The case was dismissed.

3 Debtor immediately hired another bankruptcy attorney, Mr. Irion, and again paid a
4 sizeable retainer. The day before he was to file documents on behalf of Debtor. Mr. Irion
5 informed Debtor that he was not going to continue representing her because of the "complexity"
6 of the matter and withdrew.

7 Debtor subsequently hired Mr. Wolny who was to make certain filings. Some of which he
8 did, other not. Debtor has been informed that the Trustee's office has contacted Mr. Wolny
9 concerning that matter.

10 To support this motion, Debtor will file a new Plan and supporting memorandum in
11 accordance with the Court's open calendar procedure. This Plan is only her second one in any
12 bankruptcy proceeding as she was denied the opportunity earlier due to questionable legal
13 representation. This second Plan substantiates the good faith which Debtor has always attempted
14 to exhibit and provides for rapid confirmation by at least the unsecured creditors.

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18 IV. CONCLUSION

19 Debtor is not abusing the bankruptcy system by solely fling a case to avoid paying a debt
20 and there clearly are changed circumstances. Debtor wants the opportunity to quickly ascertain
21 the amount owed under .

22 Debtor's primary concern is the trustee's sale that will undoubtedly be scheduled by Wells
23 Fargo on the CA property if the automatic stay expires. Debtor needs protection from suffering a
24 great economic loss through a trustee's sale.

25 Wells Fargo will not be harmed. It has been previously demonstrated that there is
26 significantly equity of over a million dollars in the secured property to protect even their
27 erroneous, inflated interests.

1 I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of the State of California that the
2 foregoing is true and correct.

3 January 18, 2013



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8 CERTIFICATE AND PROOF OF SERVICE BY FACSIMILE

9 I am a citizen of the United States and reside in Santa Clara County, California. I am over the age of
10 eighteen years and not a party to the within entitled action. Prior to 5 pm.PT, on January 18, 2013 I caused
11 the following document(s)

12 **NOTICE OF AND DEBTOR'S MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE
AUTOMATIC STAY UNDER 11 U.S.C. §362 AND ND CA LBR 4001**

13 to be sent by FACSIMILE to the attorneys listed the bankruptcy petition file:

14 Matthew J. Pero, Anglin et al. 199 S. Los Robles Ave Suite 600, Pasadena, CA 91101 email:
mpero@afrct.com ;

15 And to the US Trustee email: Keller, Emily S. (USTP)

16 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and
17 correct. Executed on January 18, 2013.



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